



**WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH AND WILDLIFE  
FINAL DETERMINATION OF  
NON-SIGNIFICANCE**  
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State of Washington  
**DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE**

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**DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE**

**Name of Proposal:** SAUGEYE INTRODUCTION INTO LIBERTY LAKE

**Description of Proposal:** To retain control of future walleye numbers in Liberty Lake, the proposed project plans to limit natural production of walleye by introducing saugeye, a walleye and sauger hybrid cross. Saugeye are less likely to reproduce than walleye. The saugeye will naturally replace walleye in Liberty Lake, while still providing a sport fishery.

**Proponent:** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, 8702 North Division, Spokane, Washington 99218. Contact Person: John Whalen, Regional Fish Biologist

**Location of Proposal, including street, if any:** Liberty Lake, East of Spokane, Washington, Spokane County; Sections 22, 23, 24, 25, and 26, Township 25 North, Range 45 East WM

**Lead Agency:** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of the completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date of issue below. Comments must be submitted by: **August 9, 2000**

**Responsible Official:** Peter Birch

**Position/Title:** Environmental Services Division Manager

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**DATE OF ISSUE:** July 26, 2000 **SIGNATURE:** Cynthia R. Pratt for Peter Birch